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NAZI ACTIVITY IN PHILADELPHIA

On August 16 The Hour revealed that Herbert Lawson Smith of Philadelphia had been acting as an accomplice to the Nazi agent Ernst Goerner, who was arrested in Milwaukee by the FBI on August 9 on charges of "counseling, aiding and abetting evasion of the Selective Service Act."

Goerner had been mailing throughout the country propaganda urging the sabotaging of the Selective Service Act, advising young men not to register for the draft and stating that "any refusal to serve in the armed forces" was an "act of courageous patriotism." In our article on Herbert Smith we pointed out that the latter was serving as a key distributor in the east for Goerner's propaganda material. We urged that the FBI investigate the close connections between Smith and Goerner.

More About Herbert L. Smith

We have now received from Philadelphia additional information about Herbert Lawson Smith, indicating that his contact with Fifth Column activity in the United States has by no means been limited to his association with Ernst Goerner.

We learn that among Smith's intimate friends in Philadelphia are Lucien Philips and Major Max Livingston. Philips lived in Germany for six years. Livingston, a reserve Army officer, has frequently boasted of his Prussian ancestors who were in the German military services. Both of these men have been handling Nazi propaganda. Mail from Germany has been coming regularly to Philips, who until recently had swastika flags hanging on the walls of his apartment and quantities of Nazi literature on his bookshelves. In the company of Livingston and Philips, Herbert Smith has lately been making frequent trips to New York.

For some time Smith has been a bigwig in fascist circles in Philadelphia. A leading Coughlinite, he has been particularly active in the Social Justice Union, the Anti-Communist Society of Philadelphia and the Committee for the Defense of Constitutional Rights. He has specialized in the distribution of anti-Semitic propaganda. Like Philips, Smith has been receiving mail from Germany.

Smith and his companions apparently form a Nazi ring in Philadelphia. It is highly probable their work is not limited to spreading Hitler's propaganda. Government authorities should immediately launch a thorough investigation of these men.

NEW YORK FASCISTS BACK JUDGE DAVIES FOR MAYOR

The Hour learns that Christian Mobilizers, German-American Bundists, Christian Fronters and other Fifth Columnists in New York City have received instructions to vote for Judge John R. Davies for mayor in the primary elections which will be held on September 17.

The fascist campaign in support of Judge Davies is being conducted with some attempt at secrecy, but there is intense underground activity to rally all subversive elements in the city to defeat Mayor Fiorella LaGuardia in the primaries and elect the anti-democratic magistrate. Fifth Column leaders are hectically organizing their forces around the slogan that the election will be a test of the strength of the "Christian" (fascist) movement in the east.

Endorsement from McWilliams

At a recent Christian Mobilizer meeting, petty-fuehrer Joseph E. McWilliams declared;

"I'm going to vote for Davies and I want all of you to do the same. He's a Christian candidate and he knows how to speak out against the internationalist war-mongers. I happen to know that Davies wants the support of every Christian, of every follower of Coughlin and of every Christian Mobilizer."

Other Fifth Column chiefs are issuing similar orders to their followers.

Davies' Record

In view of Judge Davies' record, it is not difficult to understand the enthusiastic support given him by un-American elements. For some time Davies has maintained close contact with pro-Nazi and anti-Semitic groups and individuals. Two years ago, for example, he appeared as a guest speaker at a meeting of the American Patriots, Inc., a subversive band led by Allen Zoll, admirer of Father Coughlin and friend of Fritz Kuhn. Other speakers at the meeting were Dr. William Schier Bryant, a former bigwig in the Nazi bloc in New York City; Dr. Jacob O'Connor, anti-Semitic author of Christ Was Not a Jew; and Jack Taylor, financial angel of the fascist American Nationalist Party.

A leaflet advertising Judge Davies' appearance at the fascist gathering stated;

"We can think of no phrase that better describes Judge John R. Davies than that of 'The Man Who Dares!' And we are counting on this thought-provoking description of a

truly patriotic political figure to jostle some of our stay-at-home members into action ..."

Fairchild and America First Lend a Hand

At present one of the most active campaigners for Judge Davies is Lambert Fairchild, gentleman-fascist, who as a result of our disclosures (see The Hour for April 12) was forced to resign from the chairmanship of the National Committee for Religious Recovery. Fairchild has been attempting to persuade "respectable" reactionaries to lend financial support to Judge Davies' campaign.

The America First Committee has unofficially endorsed the anti-democratic judge. Members of this pro-fascist appeasement body are being told to vote for Davies as a candidate "pledged to keep America out of war and protect Christianity."

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PREACHING APPEASEMENT

The Hour is informed that Dr. George Albert Simons of Queens, New York, is using his pulpit at Christ Methodist Church to promote fascist appeasement propaganda. Dr. Simons, who boasts of his affiliation with the America First Committee, specializes in delivering "anti-war" sermons with a markedly anti-Semitic flavor. A recent sermon, entitled "Must Christian America Harm Christian Finland?", contained this typical observation:

"I wish to say that I have always hated and opposed the anti-Christian ideology and brutal practises of the bolsheviki, most of whom in the early period happened to be non-Russian and non-Christian." (*Italics ours.*)

Closely paralleling the Coughlin technique of Jew-baiting, Dr. Simons makes a hobby of playing upon the names of Soviet leaders with the obvious purpose of arousing racial antagonism. An illustration of this is his reference to Maxim Litvinoff as "Finkestein-Litniniff, a man with a notorious criminal record."

Throughout all his talks Dr. Simons uses the words "Christian" and "non-Christian" in such a manner as to provoke anti-Semitic feeling. This, of course, is also a favorite tactic of the Coughlinites.

Nazi "Christianity"

Dr. Simons says that his sympathies "have naturally been with England, France and all the invaded countries" but he hastens to add, "I do not fear to also say that my sympathies and prayers go out to the millions of earnest Christian people in Germany." His pro-fascist tendencies are well indicated by his praise of Nazi Germany's ally, Finland:

"John Bull has no business to tell Uncle Sam what to do with regard to our traditional friendly relations with

Christian Finland, now engaged in combatting Communism and Red Revolution."

It would seem that Dr. Simons' "Christian" sermons bear a strange resemblance to Dr. Goebbels' anti-Christian propaganda.

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COUGHLIN SEES TRIUMPH OF NAZISM AND END OF DEMOCRACY

Father Charles E. Coughlin of Royal Oak, Michigan, has long been an ardent booster of Adolf Hitler, but lately he has outdone himself in his support to the Nazi cause. It may be that Red Army resistance to the Germans has made the fascist priest rather anxious and it is perhaps in order to bolster his own morale as well as that of his stormtroop flock that he is out-shouting the Nazi Propaganda Ministry in praising the "feats" of the German military forces.

In the latest issue of Social Justice, he berates American newsmen for failing to treat Der Fuehrer and his war machine with sufficient respect. He says:

"The American word-warriors are having a veritable field day in belittling Adolf Hitler. Radio, movies and newspapers vie with each other in ridiculing the Nazi Fuehrer. Holding no brief for Hitler -- in spite of what some of our best critics say -- we are inclined to suspect that the German leader is 'making a monkey' out of the word-warriors whose armies have been defeated and whose boasts have been reduced to thin air."

In the same issue of his sanctimonious tabloid, the pro-Nazi churchman observes:

"Now that the Russian campaign is practically decided in favor of Hitler, British morale, which hoped for a Soviet victory, is lower than the bottom-most ledge of Dover Cliff. ... Germany is standing firmer than ever and Great Britain's internal peace is threatened."

Nazism for America

Carried away by his wishful thinking, Coughlin envisions that Nazism will triumph not only over Great Britain and the Soviet Union but also over the United States. In an article entitled "We Predict," Coughlin enthusiastically declares:

"We predict the final banishment from office of the present New Dealers before the outbreak of Armageddon seven to ten years hence. We predict an attempt to establish a Nationalist-Socialist Party in America with emphasis on the word 'nationalist.' We predict that ... the National-Socialists in America -- organized under that or some other name -- eventually, will take control of the government on this continent. We predict, lastly, the end of democracy in America."